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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On April 22, 2007 at approximately 6:45 am, San Antonio Police officers were dispatched to 11300 IH 35 N, Jubilee Motors, for a man with a gun. The caller also stated the man was involved in an earlier accident officers were investigating at Weidner Rd. and Randolph Blvd. Officer Burnette was the first to arrive and observe the suspect carrying a rifle case in the parking lot. Officer Burnette deployed his TASER and began issuing verbal commands for the suspect to drop the case. According to the officer, at this time the suspect closed the distance between himself and the officer, took out the rifle and utilized a parked vehicle as cover. Faced with this threat, Officer Burnette abandoned the TASER and drew his service weapon continually giving the suspect commands to drop the weapon. As more officers arrived, the suspect chambered a live round into the weapon. According to a witness, the suspect then began to lower the rifle in Officer Burnette's direction. The officers fearing for Officer Burnette's safety, as well as theirs, fired simultaneously at the suspect. The suspect was struck twice and dropped the weapon. Officers immediately requested EMS and secured the weapon. EMS arrived and transported the suspect to BAMC with possible life-threatening injuries.

The suspect will be charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Capital Murder.

The suspect's identify will be released after he has been magistrates.

The four officers have been identified as:

James Burnette, 13 year veteran

Roman De Leon, 11 year veteran

Michael Fletcher, 6 year veteran

Michael Blanquiz, 5 year veteran

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer's Burnette, De Leon, Fletcher and Blanquiz will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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